

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: 1st Selectman David Campbell; Jayme Stevenson;
Gerald Nielsen, Jr.; Callie Sullivan; David Bayne

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

OTHERS: David Genovese; Susan Cameron; Norm Guimond

7:30 PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION for Personnel, Pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6)(A)

CALL TO ORDER

1st Selectman Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

Mr. David Genovese and Ms. Susan Cameron presented information on the proposed 4th of July fireworks display at Darien High School. Atlas Pyrotechnics would be the company to put the show on. They were the same company that had put the show on in previous years. Mr. Genovese said Atlas has assured him that there would be no damage done to the turf field. He provided the Selectmen with a copy of the proposal. The fireworks would be on trailers on the field. He has met with the Police Department to review circulation and control, and he said the Board of Education is supportive of the idea. The total budget would be approximately \$50,000, and the goal is to have it funded privately. In conversations with a number of local companies, he has already received a soft commitment of \$30,000. He said the committee formed to bring the 4th of July Fireworks Display back to Darien has done research on how other towns have put their shows on, looking into charging for parking and pre-selling tickets. He also mentioned having a band perform before the show. The traffic and flow patterns were discussed. A portion of the loop would be closed off, no one would be allowed on the southern side, and the traffic would enter on Noroton Avenue and exit on High School Lane and Nutmeg Lane. There are 35-40 spaces for handicapped parking and reserved parking. There could be more than 4,000 people in attendance. It is the same night as New Canaan's fireworks. The rain date is Tuesday, July 5th. Atlas Pyrotechnics provides insurance coverage for any damage incurred. The email address is DarienFireworks@gmail.com.

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/MATHER
CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Norman Guimond, Chairman of the Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee, presented a report on the building project. He said that Robin Woods, Vice Chairman, Betsy Hagerty-Ross, John Hertz, Louis Gesualdi, and Karl Kilduff (ex-officio and clerk) are the members of the committee. He said the committee was appointed on November 1, 2010, and held their first meeting on November 12, 2010. The general scope of the project is to re-establish the offices of the Board of Education to 35 Leroy, the old library site, and create a new senior/community center at the Town Hall Annex presently occupied by the Board of Education and Darien Arts Center. The committee was instructed to select an architect, take the resulting design through the proper approval process, and then proceed through the construction phase. The committee authorized an RFQ to seven architectural firms and received five responses. Site visits were made to two senior centers, references were contacted and interviews were conducted with the five firms. After careful consideration of evaluation of experience with similar projects, team makeup, and innovative design concepts, the committee unanimously selected Beinfeld/QA Architects. The committee recommends the Darien Board of Selectmen approve entering into negotiations with Beinfeld/QA Architects to be the architect for the project. The committee also recommends that a Construction Manager be engaged by the Town to oversee the detail of the project. An RFQ will need to be issued to solicit candidates.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

1st Selectman Campbell said he is going to a meeting in Hartford tomorrow to testify on changes to 8-30G. It is the beginning of the process, and it is expected to last until June. He mentioned that one of the 20 amendments was brought forward by Rep. Terry Wood. He said the snow removal continues to be handled fairly well. He said he and the Selectmen are busy with the budget review meetings. He said the information is on-line. He will provide a copy to Ms. Sullivan.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff said that TGS&A is meeting tonight so is unable to join the Board of Selectmen meeting. He said that the Rules Committee has asked the TGS&A Committee to prepare a review of the Charter that will identify sections of the Charter that fall into the one of the following categories: sections that may be moved from the charter into ordinances; sections that are in need of technical correction to bring them in line with current practices; and sections that are obsolete that can be identified for deletion or inactivation. The moderator read this into the record and January 24 and described it as Charter Maintenance.

Mr. Kilduff said he will be in Hartford tomorrow for a meeting with representatives of the DEP regarding the STEAP Grant for the dredging of Gorham's Pond. The grant is for \$150,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and Take Action on Authorizing the Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee to Enter into Architect Contract Negotiations

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH BEINFELD/QA ARCHITECTS TO ESTABLISH A SCOPE OF WORK AND FEE FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO 3 LEROY AVENUE AND SENIOR CENTER TO 2 RENSHAW ROAD AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WHEN COMPLETE TO PURSUE FUNDING.**

**** MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) VOTES IN FAVOR (CAMPBELL, NIELSEN, STEVENSON) AND TWO (2) VOTES OPPOSED (BAYNE, SULLIVAN).**

- b) Transfers

Public Works Department RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10407011-82051	Sewer Use Charge	\$ 4,000
	TOTAL	\$ 4,000

To:

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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10401011-81003	Seasonal & Temporary	\$ 4,000
TOTAL		\$ 4,000

- ** MS. SULLIVAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$4,000 FROM THE SEWER USE CHARGE ACCOUNT (10407011-82051) TO THE SEASONAL & TEMPORARY ACCOUNT (10401011-81003).**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UANIMOUSLY.**

Elections

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Contingency	\$ 2,674
TOTAL		\$ 2,674

To:

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10107661-82048	Special Equip. Maint.	\$ 2,674
TOTAL		\$ 2,674

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$2,674 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE SPECIAL EQUIP. MAINT. ACCOUNT (10107661-82048).**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UANIMOUSLY.**

Health Department

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10508011-81004	Overtime	\$ 700
	TOTAL	\$ 700

To:

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10508011-82002	Conferences	\$ 700
	TOTAL	\$ 700

- ** MS. STEVENSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$700 FROM THE OVERTIME ACCOUNT (10508011-81004) TO THE CONFERENCES ACCOUNT (10508011-82002).**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Bayne asked that a discussion take place during a future meeting regarding the conversion of daily parking spots to annual parking spots at the train station.

It was mentioned that the sidewalks near some schools are not well shoveled. 1st Selectman Campbell asked residents to call him with any problems regarding the sidewalks not being shoveled.

Ms. Jenny Streeter will be on the agenda for a Board of Selectmen meeting in the near future.

APPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following appointment:

- a) Beverly Fisk Kelsey to the Social Services Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2010 and expiring on November 30, 2013.

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BEVERLY FISK KELSEY TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR**

**TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2010 AND EXPIRING ON
NOVEMBER 30, 2013.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of January 18, 2011

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2011.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) VOTES IN FAVOR (CAMPBELL,
NIELSEN, STEVENSON, SULLIVAN) AND ONE (1) VOTE ABSTAINED
(BAYNE).**

Special Meeting of January 26, 2011

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2011.**

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) VOTES IN FAVOR (BAYNE,
CAMPBELL, NIELSEN) AND TWO (2) VOTES ABSTAINED (STEVENSON,
SULLIVAN).**

Special Meeting of January 31, 2011

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2011.**

**** MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

February 8, 2011	Planning & Zoning Commission General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
February 8, 2011	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 15, 2011	Board of Selectmen Special Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
February 15, 2011	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 15, 2011	Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.
February 15, 2011	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 16, 2011	Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 28, 2011	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

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(Any items added to the agenda require a two-thirds vote)

FY2011-12 BUDGET REVIEW

1st Selectman Campbell and the Selectmen ended the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and began discussing the FY2011-12 budget review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services